Washington Memorial Chapel,
VALLEY FORGE, PA.

AN UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL.

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VALLEY FORGE MISSION.

What can be accomplished by earnest and persistent effort is shown by the success that has attended the inauguration of the Valley Forge Mission by the rector and congregation of All Saints' Church of Norristown. The first anniversary of the enterprise was celebrated on Sunday, thus affording an opportunity to glance backward and note what has been done in the comparatively short period of twelve months.

The mission has been successful from the very beginning. It was not long after its inception that the discovery was made that it would be a mistake to wait for the completion of the permanent structure which was contemplated as a memorial to Washington and his men and their sufferings and privations in connection with the winter encampment at Valley Forge. A temporary chapel was therefore erected to meet immediate needs, which has been found too small for the purpose of accommodating those who assembled to participate in worship, or in the exercises of the Sunday school which has been established. It is again being enlarged to answer the needs of those who assemble weekly, until the permanent building can be completed and ready for use. During the year fifty Sunday services have been held, all of them well attended, as well as eight on other occasions, in addition to the sessions of the Sunday school which now has eight teachers and ninety-two members. All the work done has been entirely voluntary and without any compensation aside from the reward which every one must feel who does something in behalf of a good cause. The mission has already, during the first year of its establishment, exercised an influence for good in the community, and gives promise of still greater usefulness in the future. The erection of the permanent chapel, which will be a handsome and commodious structure, will proceed at once, and it will be occupied long before the recurrence of another anniversary.

Are you and your Parish helping to build the Washington Memorial Chapel?